

## BRITISH NAVY LOSSES PUT AT 600,000 TONS

Germans Say Skagerrak Battle  
Increased Total to More  
Than 130 Units.

BERLIN, June 15 (by wireless to Sayville).—The losses of the British navy during the war are placed by German newspapers at more than 600,000 tons.

"Up to the time of the recent great battle in the North sea, says the Overseas News Agency, 'the British lost eleven battleships, fifteen armored cruisers and eleven other cruisers. To this must be added thirty torpedo boats, twenty gunboats, twenty submarines and other vessels, with an aggregate tonnage of 460,000. These losses were increased as a result of the Skagerrak battle to more than 130 units, with a total tonnage exceeding 600,000.'"

### Reports Torpedoing of Cruiser.

BERLIN, June 14 (by wireless to Sayville).—The following statement from the Austrian admiralty was received here today from Vienna:

"An Austro-Hungarian submarine on June 8 torpedoed the large Italian auxiliary cruiser Principe Umberto, which had troops on board. The vessel which was accompanied by several destroyers, sank in a few minutes."

The loss of the Principe Umberto was announced by the Italian admiralty on June 9. It was said probably half the troops on board the vessel perished.

## BARON KATO EXPLAINS JAPAN'S POSITION IN WAR

Warns People Not to Expect Too  
Much in Way of Com-  
pensation.

Correspondence of the Associated Press.

KIOTO, Japan, May 4.—What many Japanese people regard as an important political address was delivered yesterday by Baron Takaaki Kato, former minister of foreign affairs, and leader of the government Doshikai party, at the inaugural meeting of the Kioto branch of his party. Alluding to Japan's position in the present war, Baron Kato declared that in his opinion the Anglo-Japanese alliance must remain the main pillar of the nation's diplomacy.

The speaker said that Japan would gain a reasonable compensation in return for the part she has played in the war, but he wished to emphasize that Japan's position was different from that of her allies in Europe, inasmuch as Japan's activities have been restricted to the Orient. The statesman warned his compatriots that should they expect too much from the peace conference they would be disappointed.

### Pays Respects to Critics.

Turning his attention to the recent attacks on the Anglo-Japanese alliance, Baron Kato expressed his regrets that unfriendly comments should have been made. It was certain, he said, that they were confined to politicians and lay academicians. What the scholars voiced was the mere opinion of a few individuals, because although these men may not know much about practical diplomacy, the masses of the people are likely to be misled by their scholastic attainments, and believe they are right.

The ex-minister added: "It would be most regrettable if our people were led to any erroneous conception of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, for I regard it as the main pillar of our diplomacy."

Baron Kato said he understood that the critics based their objections to the alliance on the attitude of British officials and merchants in China, who were alleged to be hindering Japanese undertakings in that country, and on their belief that the formation of an alliance with Russia would render the pact with Great Britain useless. It was true, he thought, that some British merchants in China have continually slandered Japan and her people, but he was convinced that these Englishmen did not represent Great Britain.

### Talks of Japanese-Russian Pact.

As for the alliance with Russia, Baron Kato declared it the height of folly to imagine that it could be formed and maintained independently of the Anglo-Japanese alliance. He, for one, would welcome an alliance with Russia, he said, but he was convinced that it could be made only on the strength of the pact with Great Britain and that it must be supplementary to that alliance.

"When the peace conference is held the Anglo-Japanese alliance must be the basis of our policy, and Japan must, of course, co-operate with Russia and France," Baron Kato concluded. "If Japan goes astray from this policy her position will become very weak. It is most important that our people should recognize the delicate diplomatic relationship and endeavor to smooth the way that lies before us for generations to come."

Because of Baron Kato's influence among the men who lead the Japan of today his public utterances are regarded by many of his compatriots as more or less representing official opinion.

## CASEMENT'S COUNSEL PLEADED Optimistic as to Possible Result of Trial for High Treason.

LONDON, June 15.—After a long consultation with Sir Roger Casement in the Tower of London, Michael Francis Doyle of Philadelphia, who has been retained to assist the baronet at his coming trial on the charge of high treason, declared that he was highly pleased at the nature of the evidence for Sir Roger's defense and was optimistic as to the result of the trial.

Although local opinion is virtually unanimous that Attorney Doyle will have no legal status before the court and will be allowed only to consult with counsel outside, the lawyer is hopeful, in view of the courtesies that already have been extended him, that he may have a solicitor's privilege within the court.

Before the beginning of the trial, June 28, Attorney Doyle is going to Ireland to study the case from the start.

### SAYS TREATY BARS ACTION.

Defense of Ignatius Tribich Lincoln  
Revealed in London.

LONDON, June 15.—Ignatius Tribich Lincoln, the former British member of parliament, who was taken back to England from the United States by Scotland Yard detectives, outlined his plan of defense when arraigned in the New Street police court yesterday on the charge of forgery.

He said he would contend that the accusations upon which he was extradited could not be proceeded with owing to the terms of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain. The court then remanded Lincoln in custody until Monday.

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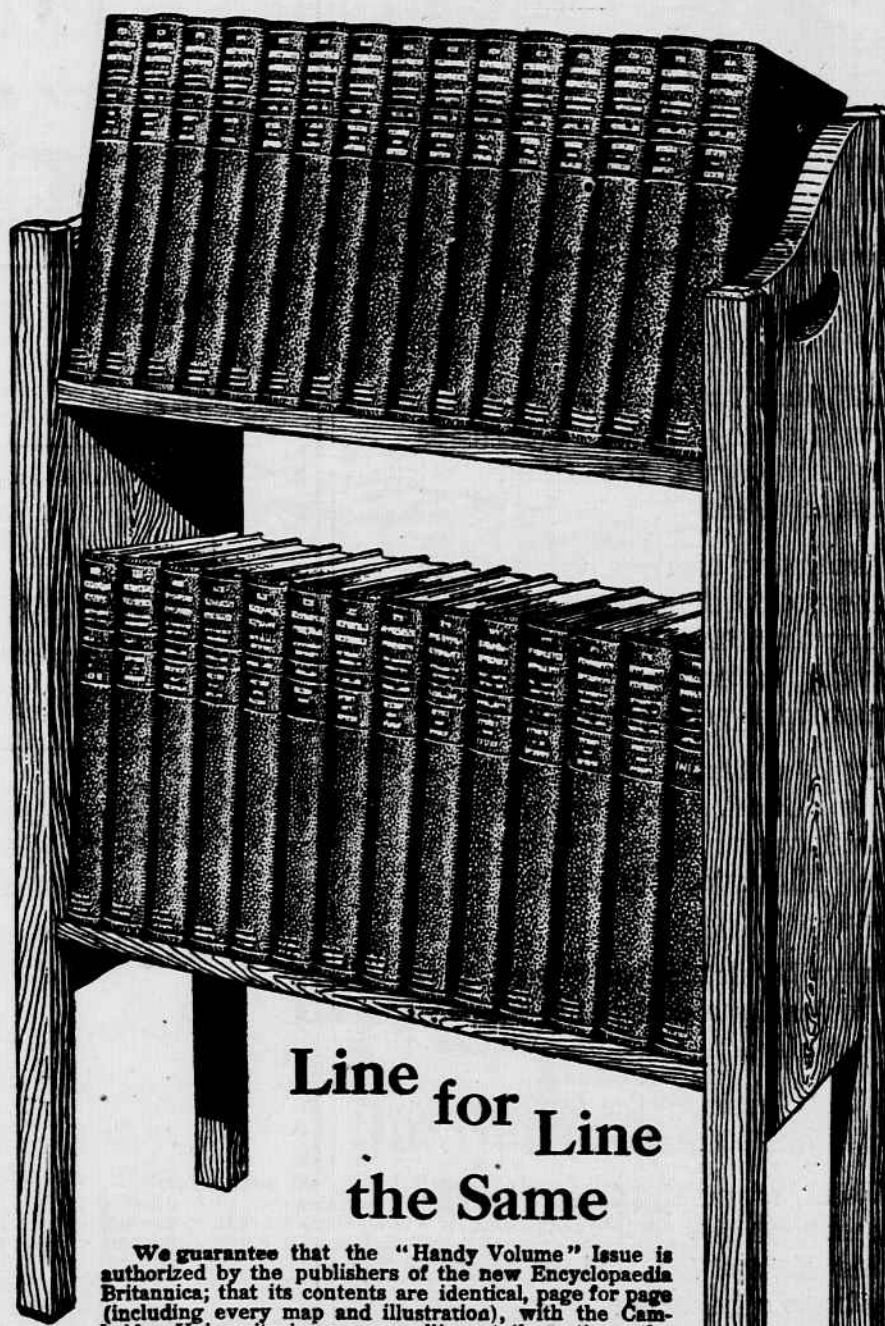
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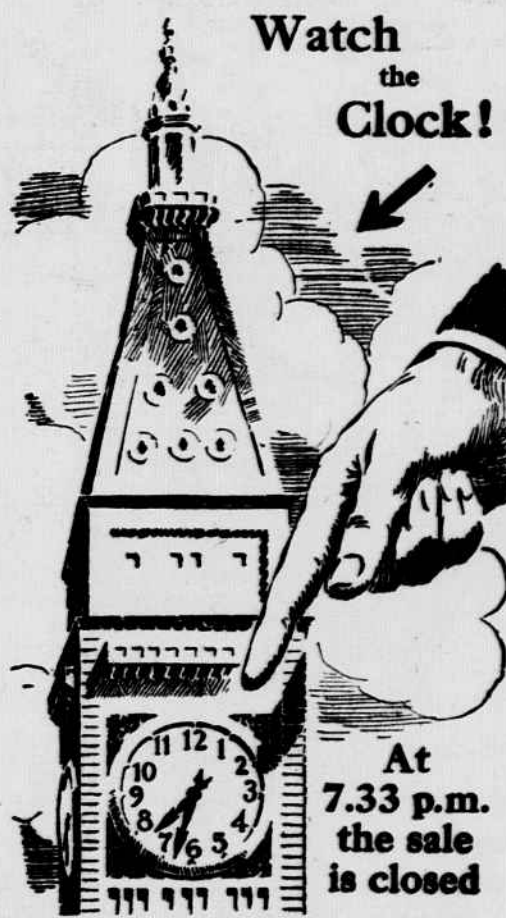
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